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Dear Dockets Management Representative:

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So often, our laws, such as the FDA's, ignore the fact that "food" is sometimes actually defined as sentient beings---farm animals, tragically treated as "commodities". So much more needs to be done to end their daily torment.

This is true especially in the poultry industry, which doesn't even enjoy the minimal protection of our Humane Slaughter laws. It's hard to imagine a more gruesome practice than forced molting on egg-laying hens. A civilized country should have no place for the abuse of withholding food, water and sunlight for days from any animal. If Great Britain's government can see how inhumane this is (as they banned it more than 10 years ago!), surely ours can.

PLEASE act now on petition 98P-0203/CP to end this barbaric, torturous practice. The farm industry can 'afford' it – many do NOT buy these eggs because of such an unhealthy practice.

Thank you. Please respond.

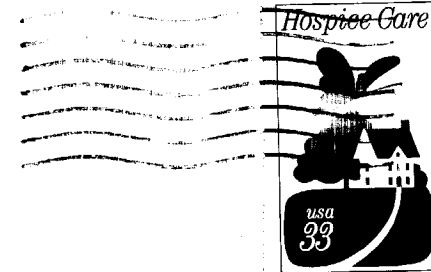
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